

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1312 - SB 1325

March 20, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to inspect all trailers, semi-trailers, and pole trailers with gross vehicle weight ratings of 10,000 lbs. or more, which are not required to be titled or registered, for compliance with all safety rules and regulations promulgated by the DOS.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,288,200/One-Time
\$5,888,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to DOS, there is currently no database capturing the number of trailers that would be inspected under this bill because the owners of such trailers are not required to register them under current law.
- DOS projects a minimum of 70,000 additional inspections per year.
- According to DOS, additional resources would be required for completing an additional 70,000 inspections each year.
- It is estimated that DOS will require 80 additional positions to meet the provisions of this bill (72 additional State Troopers and eight Troopers with rank of sergeant). The associated increase to state expenditures is estimated to be \$5,888,000 per year (\$2,765,600 salaries, \$1,062,400 benefits, \$2,060,000 other). The associated one-time increase to state expenditures is estimated to be \$4,288,200 (vehicles, equipment, computer systems, etc.).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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